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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Indonesian National Sentenced to 13 Months in Prison for Visa and Identity Fraud

**Chicago, IL** - Brian R. Perryman, District Director for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Chicago, together with Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, announced the sentencing today of an Indonesian national for document and visa fraud.

**Albigensis Sadat,** age 24 and an illegal alien, was sentenced today by U.S District Judge David H. Coar to 13 months in prison.

On October 2, 2001 an international package mailed from Indonesia to Sadat in Chicago was intercepted at the Fed Ex hub in Anchorage, Alaska. Although the package indicated it contained "documents," it appeared suspicious. Upon opening the package, U.S. Customs Inspectors discovered counterfeit U.S. Immigration admission stamps, counterfeit Illinois Secretary of State stamps, and inkpads containing red and black security ink.

INS and Customs worked together to deliver the package to Sadat's residence at 5009 S. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive in Chicago on October 5, 2001. Federal agents took Sadat into custody at that time and a search of his apartment yielded several counterfeit blank immigration documents, counterfeit blank Social Security cards, several completed counterfeit Illinois temporary drivers licenses, and \$6,000 in cash.

"During this time of heightened national security, the INS is working hard to combat the proliferation of counterfeit documents being manufactured and sold on our streets," says INS District Director Brian R. Perryman. "The issue of identity theft and fraud is of great concern to the INS here in Chicago and across the country."

Since 1998, INS agents in Chicago have confiscated more than 70,000 fraudulent documents from illegal document manufacturers and vendors. **Sadat** will be surrendered to the custody of INS upon completion of his sentence to be placed in deportation proceedings.